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**FORMER BALCONES HEIGHTS POLICE OFFICER
SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 38 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton, Colonel Thomas Davis, Texas Department of Public Safety and Special Agent in Charge Patrick A. Patterson, Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that Dwaun Guidry, a former Balcones Heights police officer, was sentenced to 465 months in federal prison for violating the civil rights of several women while in his custody.

"Former officer Guidry abused his authority by sexually assaulting several young women who he was duty-bound to protect. Today, he pays a high price for his crime," stated United States Attorney Johnny Sutton.

On January 27, 2005, a jury convicted Guidry of four civil rights-related violations. Three of the violations focused on the deprivation of civil rights. The fourth violation was for possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence. The jury found that Guidry had non-consensual sexual intercourse with a woman in his patrol car during the early morning hours of December 19, 2002. The jury also found that Guidry, while carrying a firearm, kidnapped the female victim and sexually assaulted her.

Finally, the jury found that Guidry conspired with another individual to sexually assault five young women while on duty during the early morning hours of November 24, 2002. Testimony revealed that on that day Guidry and Roland Rico Trevino arrested five young, intoxicated women and then drove them to the Balcones Heights Police Department. Once at that location, Guidry and Trevino each had sexual contact with the young women before releasing them without charges.

This morning, United States District Judge Xavier Rodriguez sentenced Guidry to 405 months imprisonment on the kidnapping and sexual assault offenses to run concurrent with 120 months imprisonment on the conspiracy charge. Judge Rodriguez also sentenced Guidry to 60 months imprisonment on the firearm charge to run consecutive to 405-month prison sentence.

"Civil rights violations are a top priority of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will not be tolerated. A law enforcement officer who has made the decision to break the law and violates that important oath to uphold the law causes not only damage to the victim, but erodes public trust and tarnishes the reputation of the vast majority of law enforcement officers who are outstanding individuals," stated Jeffrey M. Allovio, Civil Rights Supervisor, Federal Bureau of Investigation, San Antonio Division.

This case was investigated by the Texas Rangers and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys Bill Baumann and Diana Cruz-Zapata are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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